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on this particular proposal that they're doing away with any requirement that there be any dollar value particularly in this and it's strictly up to the Railway Council, and I'm very concerned about the potential responsibility or liability of the state in our existing financial circumstances. And so anyway, it appears to me that we're really treading into ground that we don't understand exactly. It's...I can understand why they would want to reduce this to allow an investment to be made without the adequate security. But it seems to me that there's a big question policywise whether we should be allowing our state Railway Council to be pledging property in a matter like this that where the investment is greater than the amount that's being secured. So I think that that's a real issue and it's a potential...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...liability for the state. So I object to the germaneness. I think that, for all of the reasons that have been stated, we could start a process right now where we could just take every other bill that hasn't been heard and put it on the end of it and say let's suspend as to germaneness. And I think that at this late date that's very improper. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. LB 1132 was a bill I supported out of committee. I don't think it's a bad committee...bill at all, and the committee, I think, did the right thing by putting it out, but it's on General File. The problem I am having is what Senator Bourne was talking about, is the process. We've had priority bills that have not been heard. We've got other bills that, you know, if we're going to start this process on the fifty-eighth day of bringing this in here, we're going to have a whole lot that doesn't get done today, and what doesn't get done today isn't going to get done. So I'm going to vote red, too. It's not because the bill isn't a good bill, but it's...there's a lot of good bills I'd like to be able to do this for. Thank